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For: USE OF BIOGENIC ESTROGEN SULFAMATES FOR HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

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In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2001, please consider the remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice and disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

--8. A method of achieving hormone replacement therapy in a woman comprising intermittently orally administering an estrogen sulfamate at a dosage of 20-300 μ g/day in intervals of 2 or 3 days; 0.5-5.0 mg/day in intervals of 5-10 days; or 2.0-20 mg/day in intervals of 20-40 days.

9. A method according to claim 8, wherein the estrogen sulfamate is estrone sulfamate, estradiol sulfamate, estriol sulfamate, N-acylsulfamate of estrone, estradiol or estriol having an acyl chain of up to 7 C atoms or mixtures thereof.

10. A method according to claim 8, wherein the intermittent oral administration is carried out at an interval of 2 to 40 days between administrations.

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